

Signatures of Primordial Momentum Anisotropy in Nuclear Collisions

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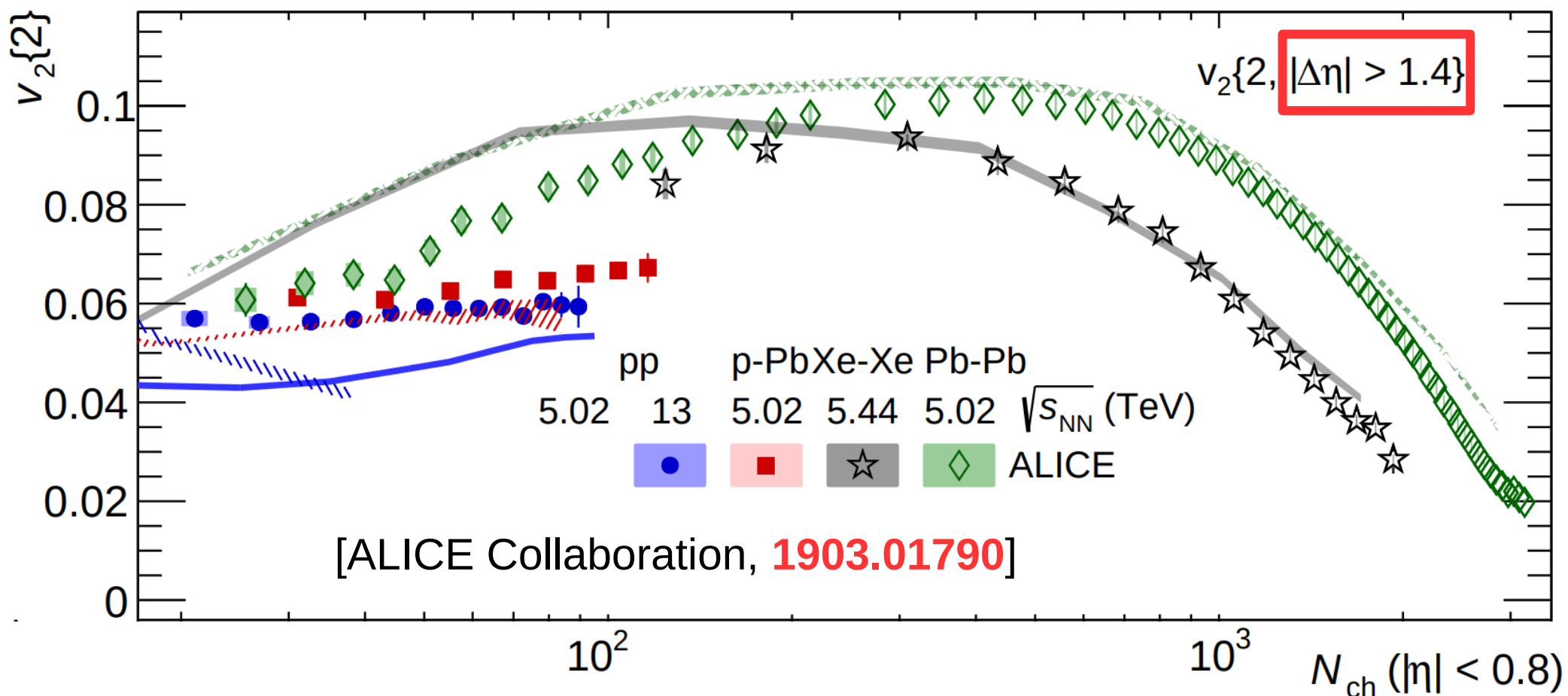
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Based on: [Giacalone, Schenke, Shen](#)
[arXiv:2006.15721 \(to appear in PRL\)](#)



Elliptic flow all over the place!


$$\boxed{V_2} = \frac{1}{N} \int_{\mathbf{p}_t} \frac{dN}{d^2\mathbf{p}_t} e^{-i2\phi_p} \longrightarrow v_2\{2\}^2 \equiv \langle V_2 V_2^* \rangle$$



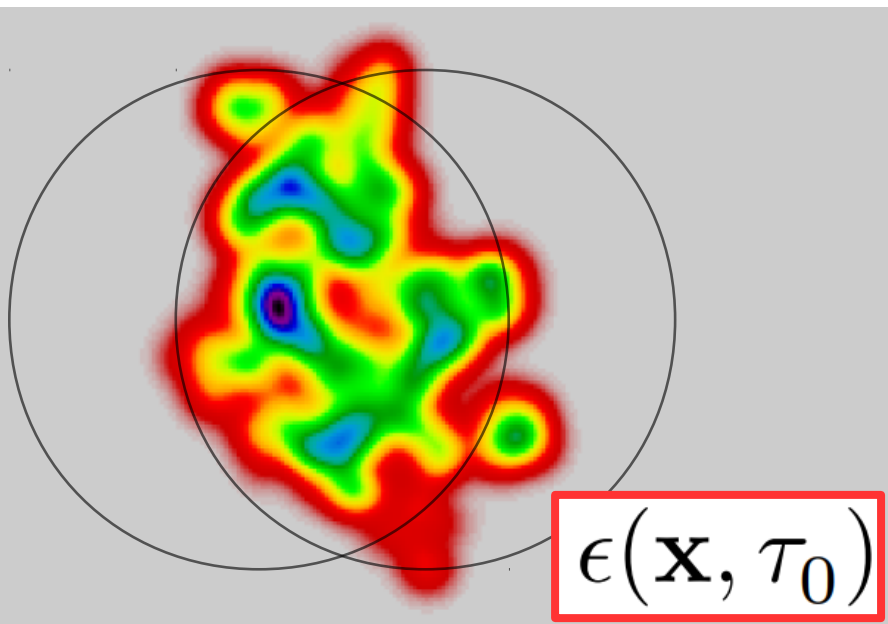
Within a hydro paradigm, what is its origin?

Simplest guess: $F = -\nabla P$. Response to the ellipticity of the large-scale structures.

$$T^{\mu\nu}(\tau_0) \approx \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\epsilon} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P(\epsilon) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P(\epsilon) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & P(\epsilon) \end{pmatrix}$$

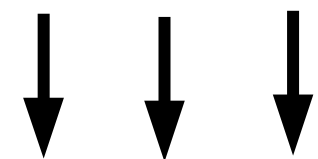

onset of hydro

[Teaney, Yan, **1010.1876**]



Quadrupole moment

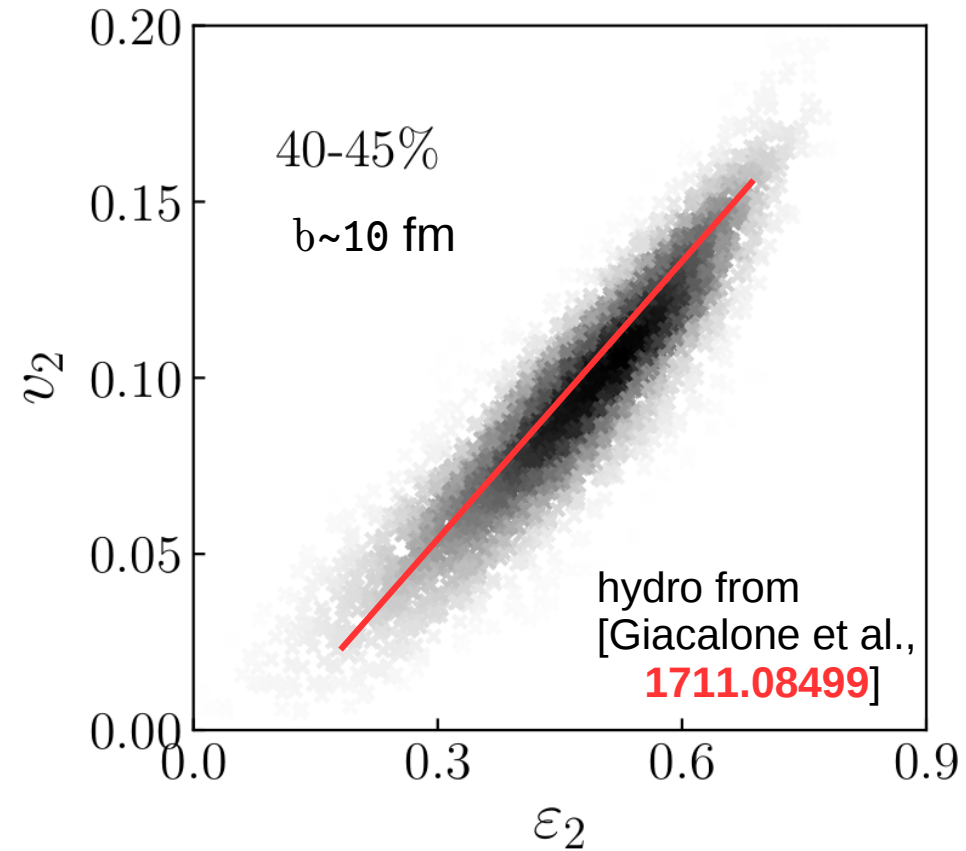
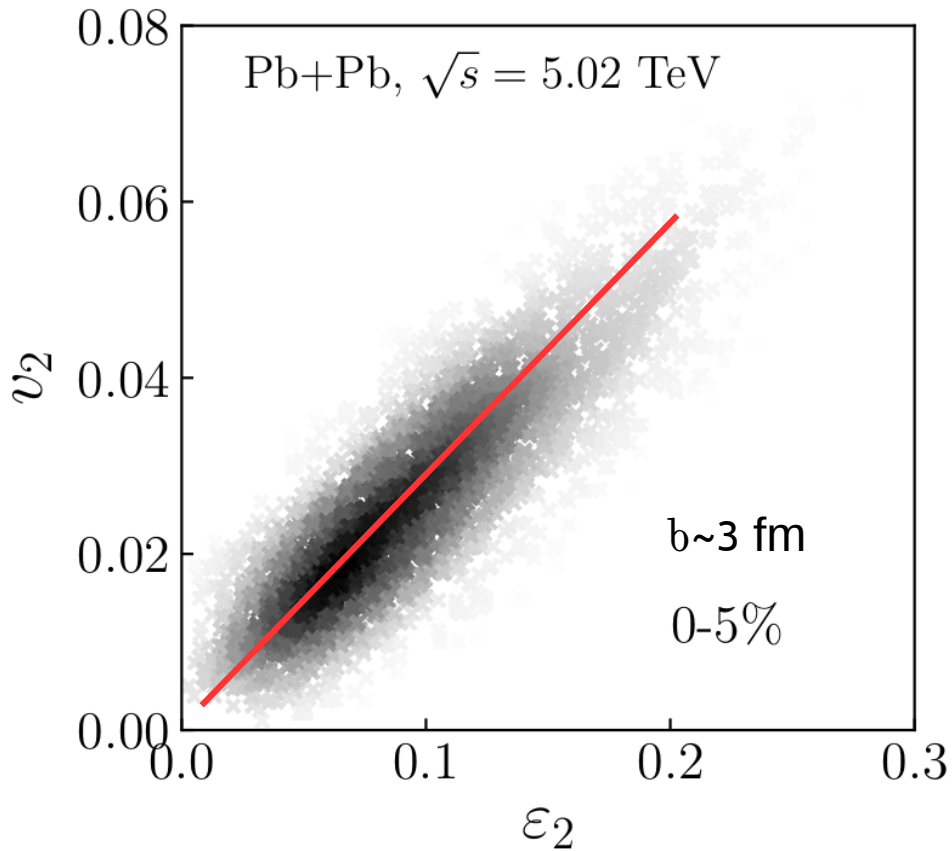
$$\boxed{\mathcal{E}_2} = \frac{\boxed{\int_{\mathbf{x}} |\mathbf{x}|^2 e^{i2\phi} \epsilon(\tau_0, \mathbf{x})}}{\int_{\mathbf{x}} |\mathbf{x}|^2 \epsilon(\tau_0, \mathbf{x})}$$



$$\boxed{V_2 \propto \mathcal{E}_2}$$

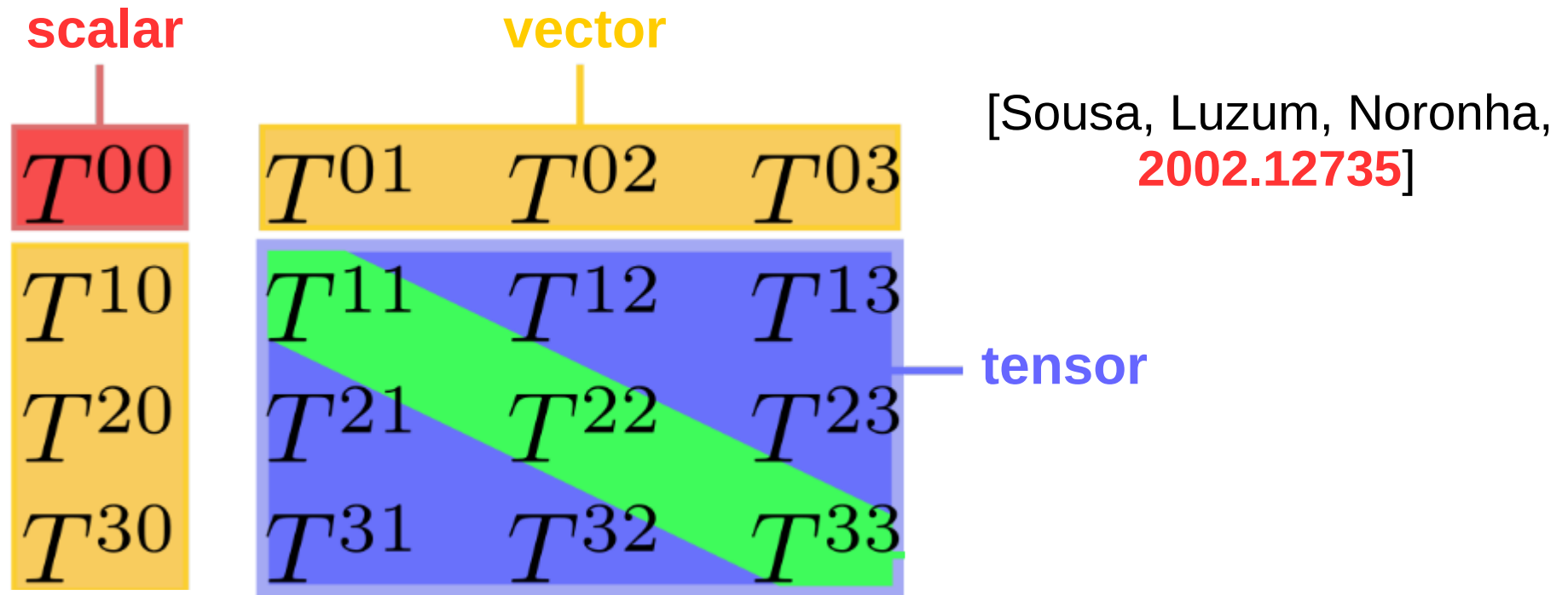
Excellent approximation.

$$\varepsilon_2 = |\mathcal{E}_2| \quad v_2 = |V_2|$$



Explains essentially all the phenomenology of anisotropic flow in large systems.

But more is needed for small or short-lived systems...



Off-diagonal terms are filled by pre-equilibrium phase over the first fm/c. [Kurkela, Mazeliauskas, Paquet, Schlichting, Teaney, **1805.01604**]

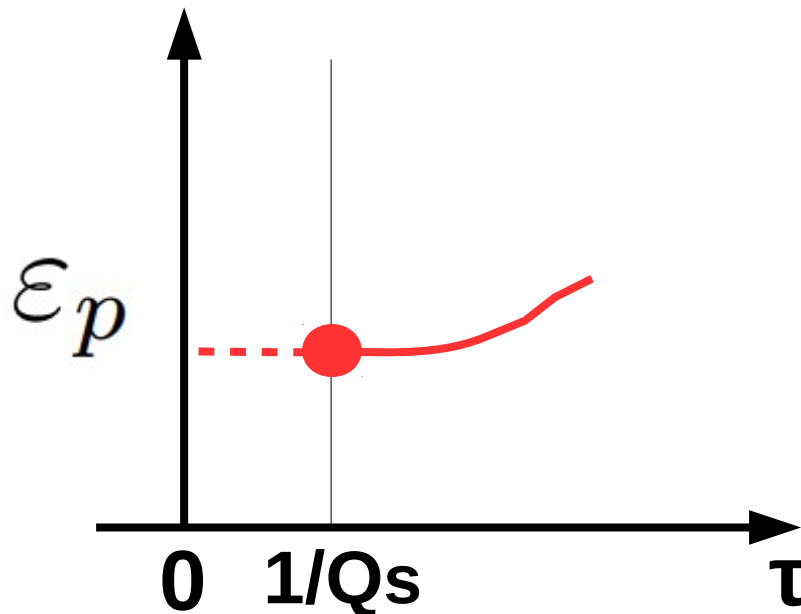
These terms are predicted by the IP-GLASMA framework based on the CGC effective theory.

[Schenke, Shen, Tribedy, **2005.14682**]

Large-scale ellipticity of the tensor modes.

$$\boxed{\mathcal{E}_p} \equiv \varepsilon_p e^{i2\Psi_2^p} \equiv \frac{\langle T^{xx} - T^{yy} \rangle + i\langle 2T^{xy} \rangle}{\langle T^{xx} + T^{yy} \rangle}$$

In the CGC, it is encoded in the initial system.

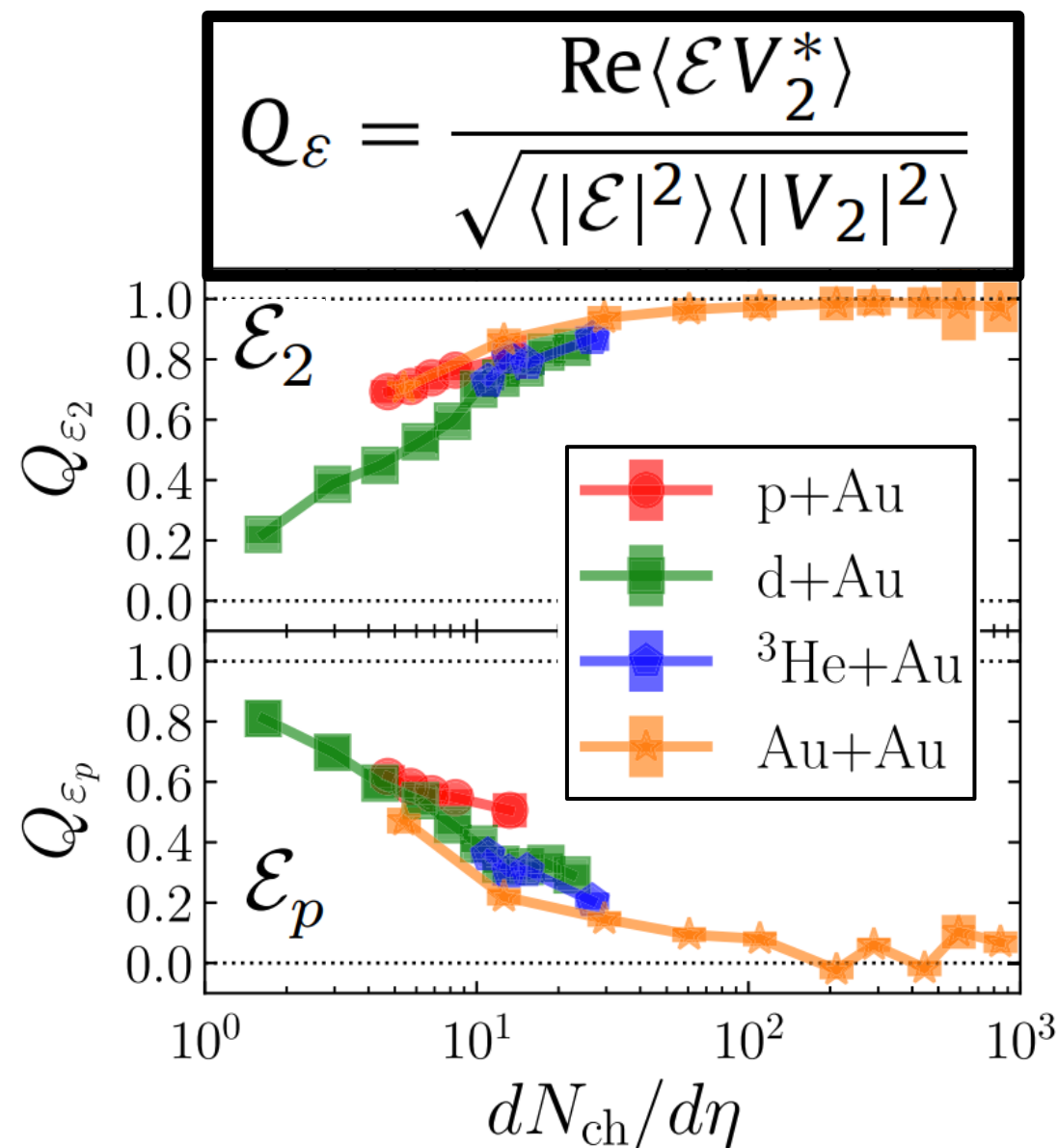


***“primordial
momentum
anisotropy”***

**genuine
CGC
prediction**

Does it impact the final anisotropy, V_2 ?

[Schenke, Shen, Tribedy, **1908.06212**]



- Q coefficient of linear correlation.

- At low multiplicity, V_2 is in a stronger correlation with E_p than with E_2 .

Can we see this effect in an observable quantity?

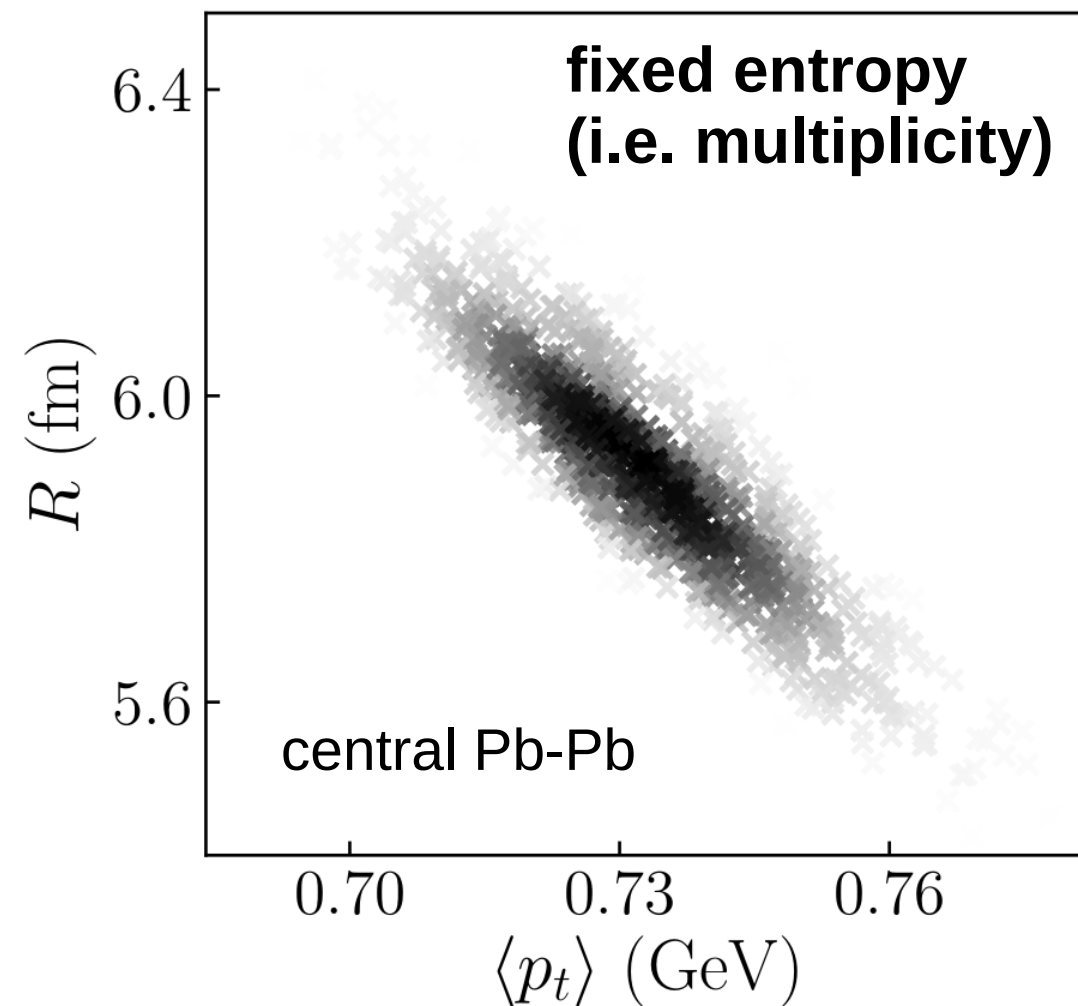
Yes, we can! The observable to study:

[Bozek, **1601.04513**]

$$\rho_2 \left(v_2^2, \langle p_t \rangle \right) = \frac{\langle v_2^2 \langle p_t \rangle \rangle - \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle \langle p_t \rangle \rangle}{\sigma(v_2^2) \sigma(\langle p_t \rangle)}$$

**Statistical (Pearson) correlation between $(v_2)^2$ and $\langle p_T \rangle$.
It is evaluated at fixed multiplicity.**

**Elliptic flow correlated with a dimensionful quantity!
Physical meaning?**



$\langle p_t \rangle > \langle\langle p_t \rangle\rangle$
↓
Smaller system, hotter

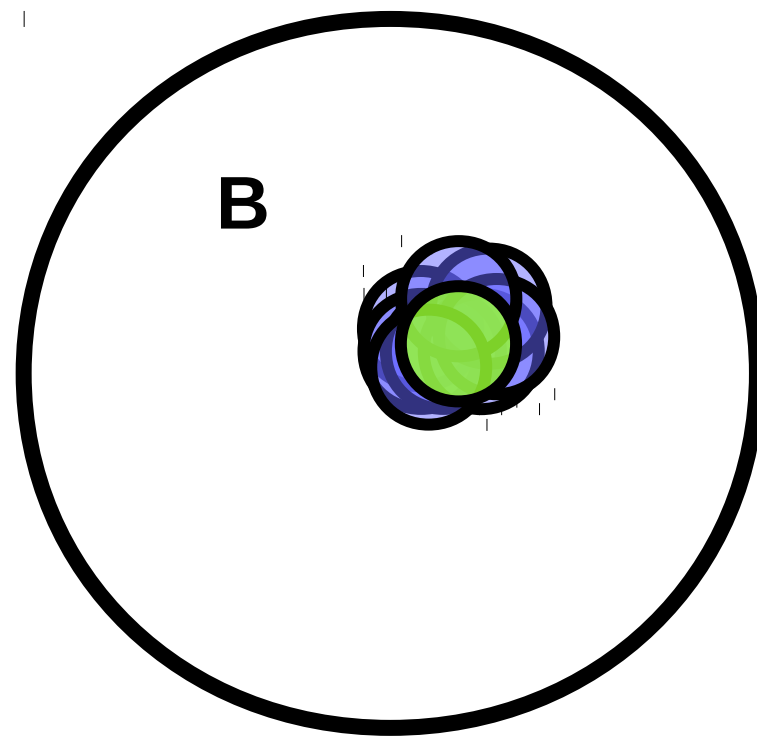
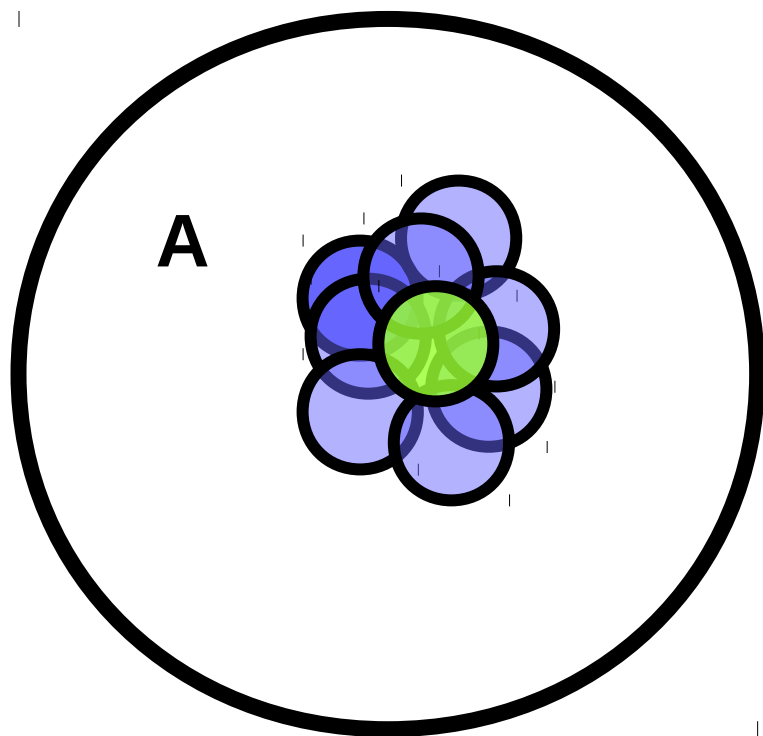
$\langle p_t \rangle < \langle\langle p_t \rangle\rangle$
↓
Larger system, colder

[Broniowski, Chojnacki, Obara, [0907.3216](#)] [Schenke, Shen, Teaney, [2004.00690](#)]
[Giacalone, Gardim, Noronha-Hostler, Ollitrault, [2004.01765](#)]

We correlate v_2 with system size/temperature!
We investigate both pA and AA collisions.

pA collisions

Behavior for pA collisions (fixed multiplicity):

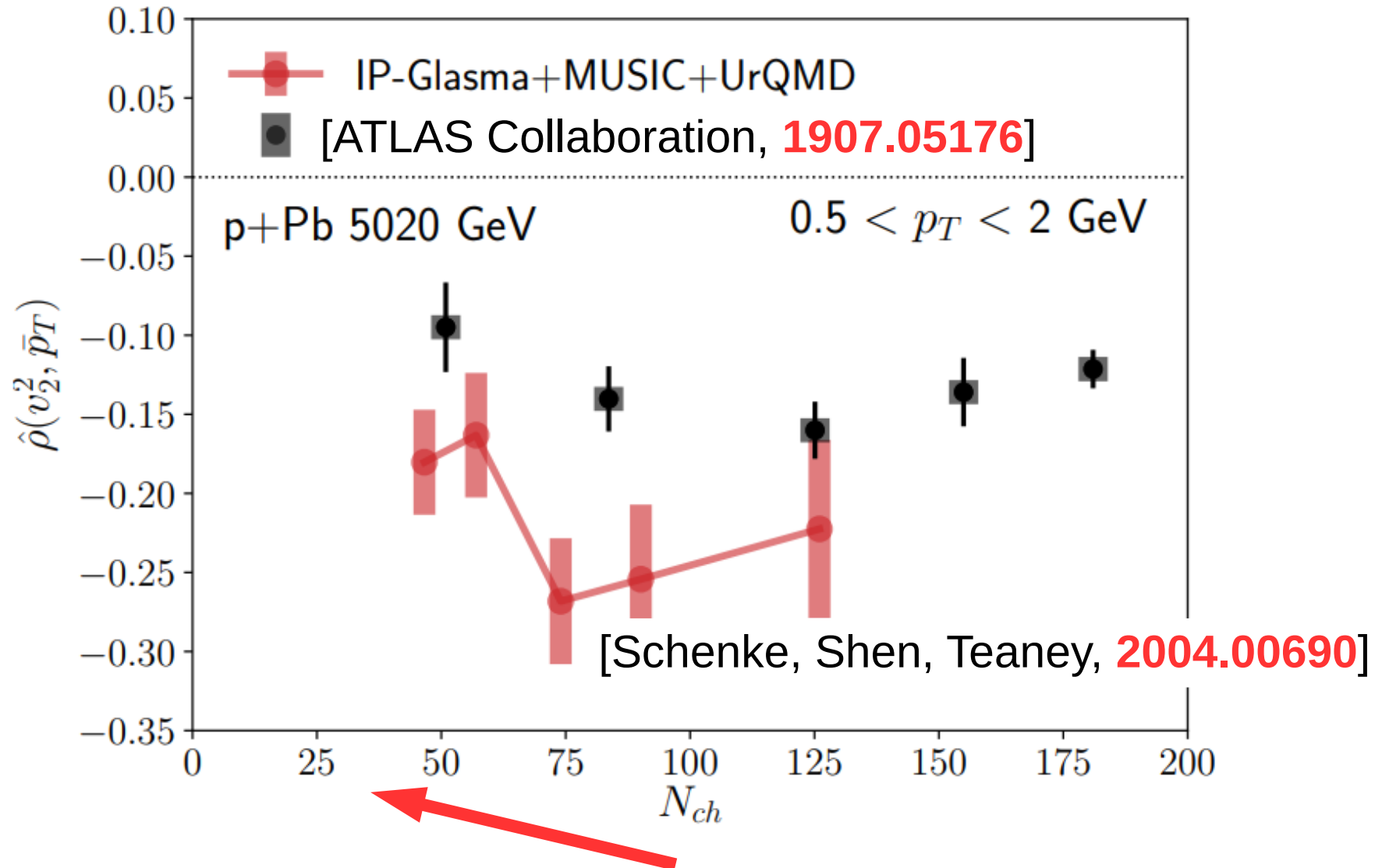


$$\begin{aligned} R(A) &> R(B) \\ \langle p_t \rangle(A) &< \langle p_t \rangle(B) \\ \varepsilon_2(A) &> \varepsilon_2(B) \end{aligned}$$



**v_2 and $\langle p_t \rangle$ are
anti-correlated!**

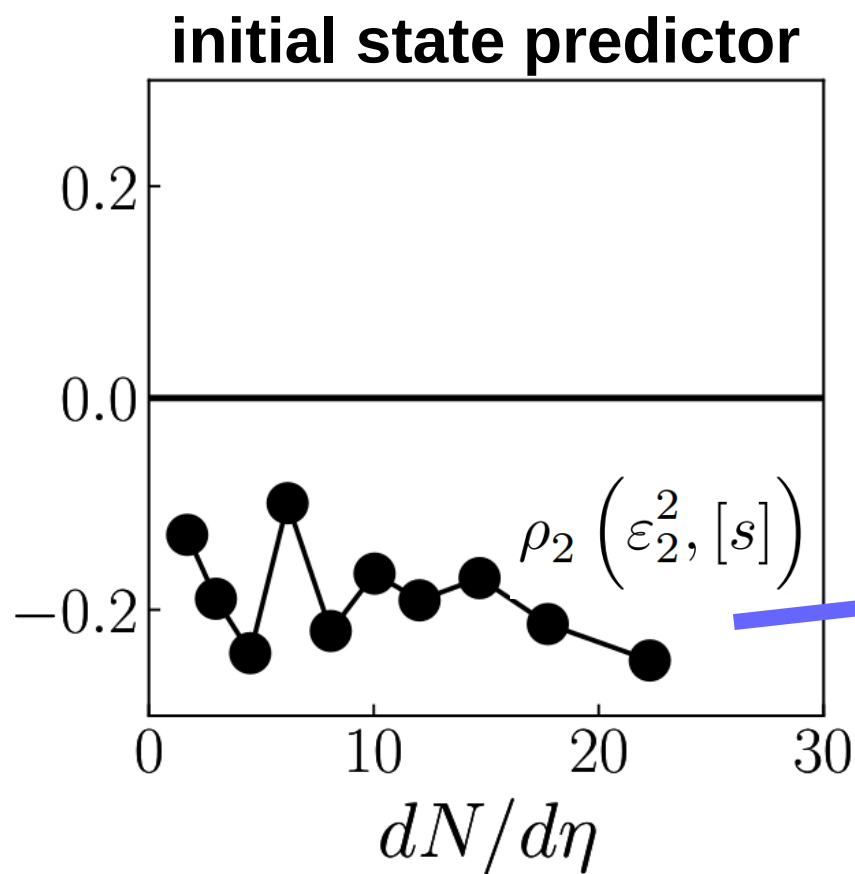
The correlation is indeed negative at moderate/high multiplicity.



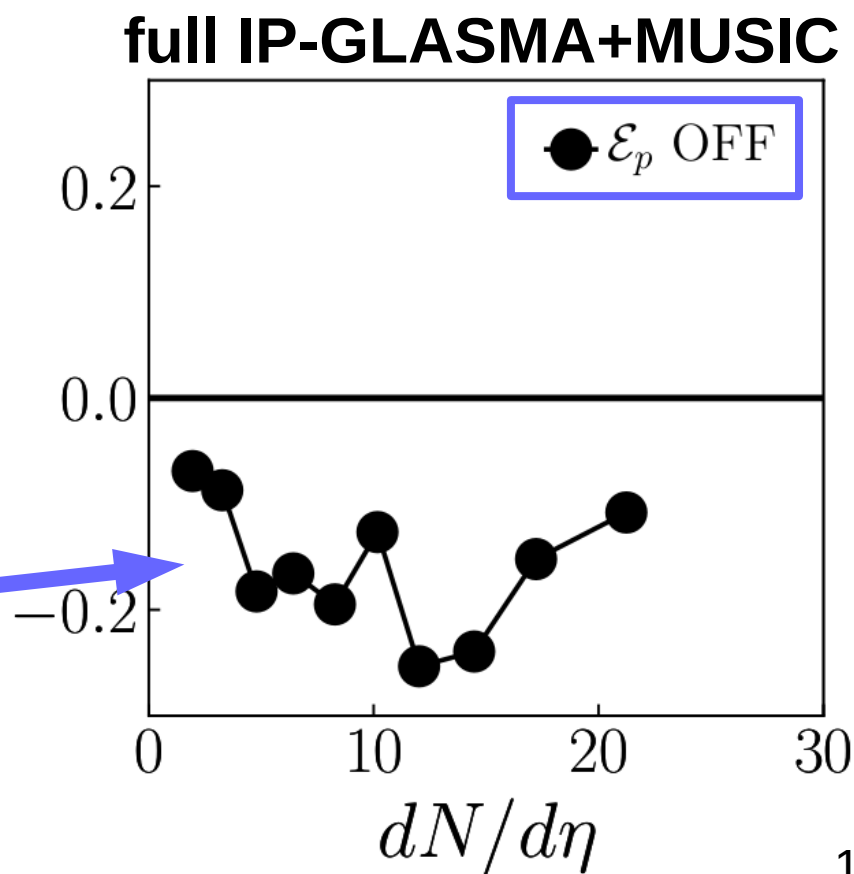
What about lower multiplicity?

We consider $\langle p_t \rangle \propto [s]$ to understand the results of hydrodynamics.

- d-Au collisions without initial anisotropy.
geometry-based predictor matches full hydro.

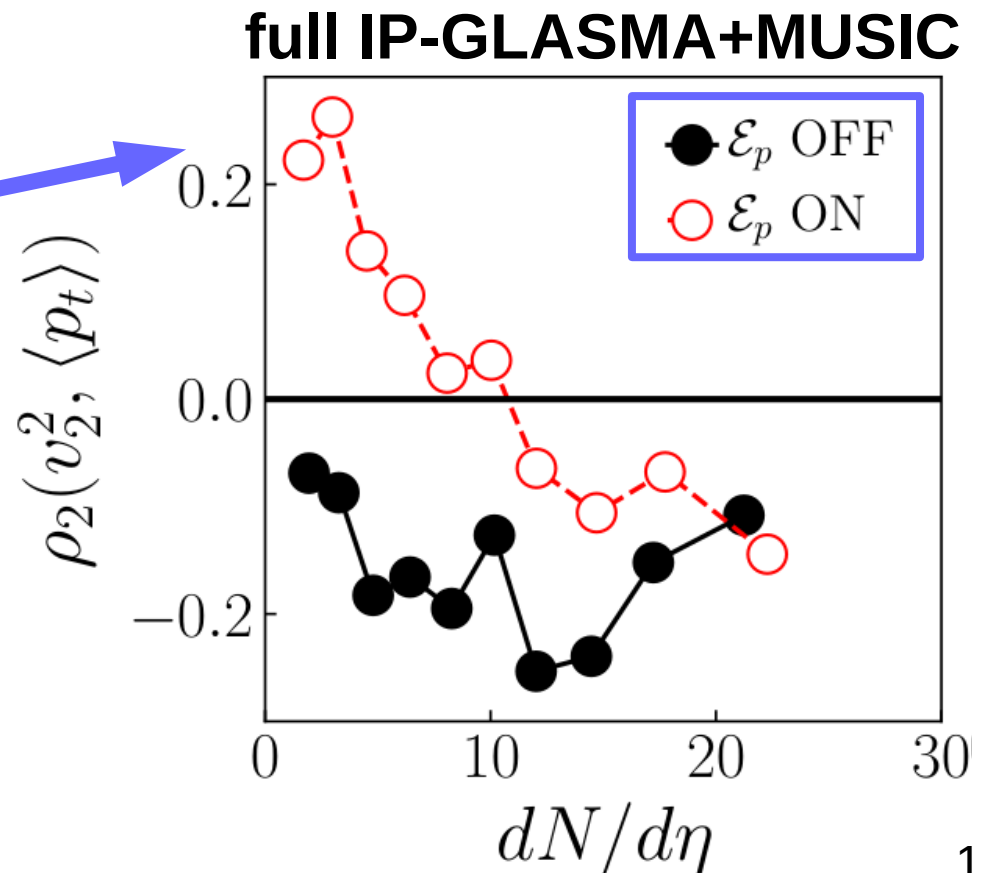
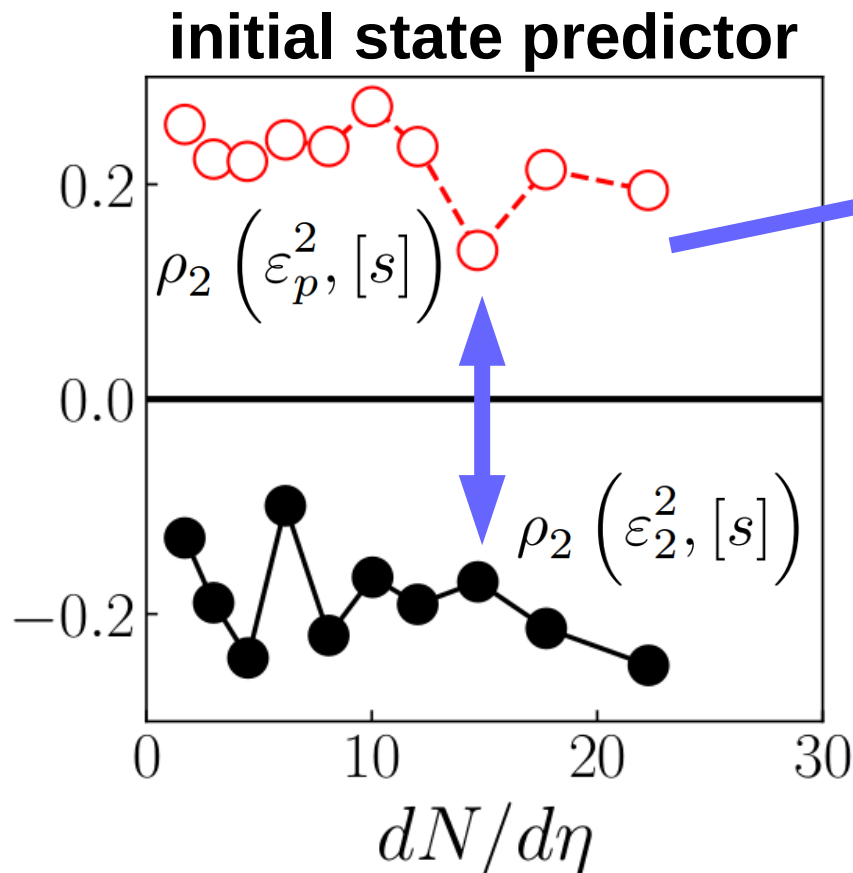


$\rho_2(v_2^2, \langle p_t \rangle)$

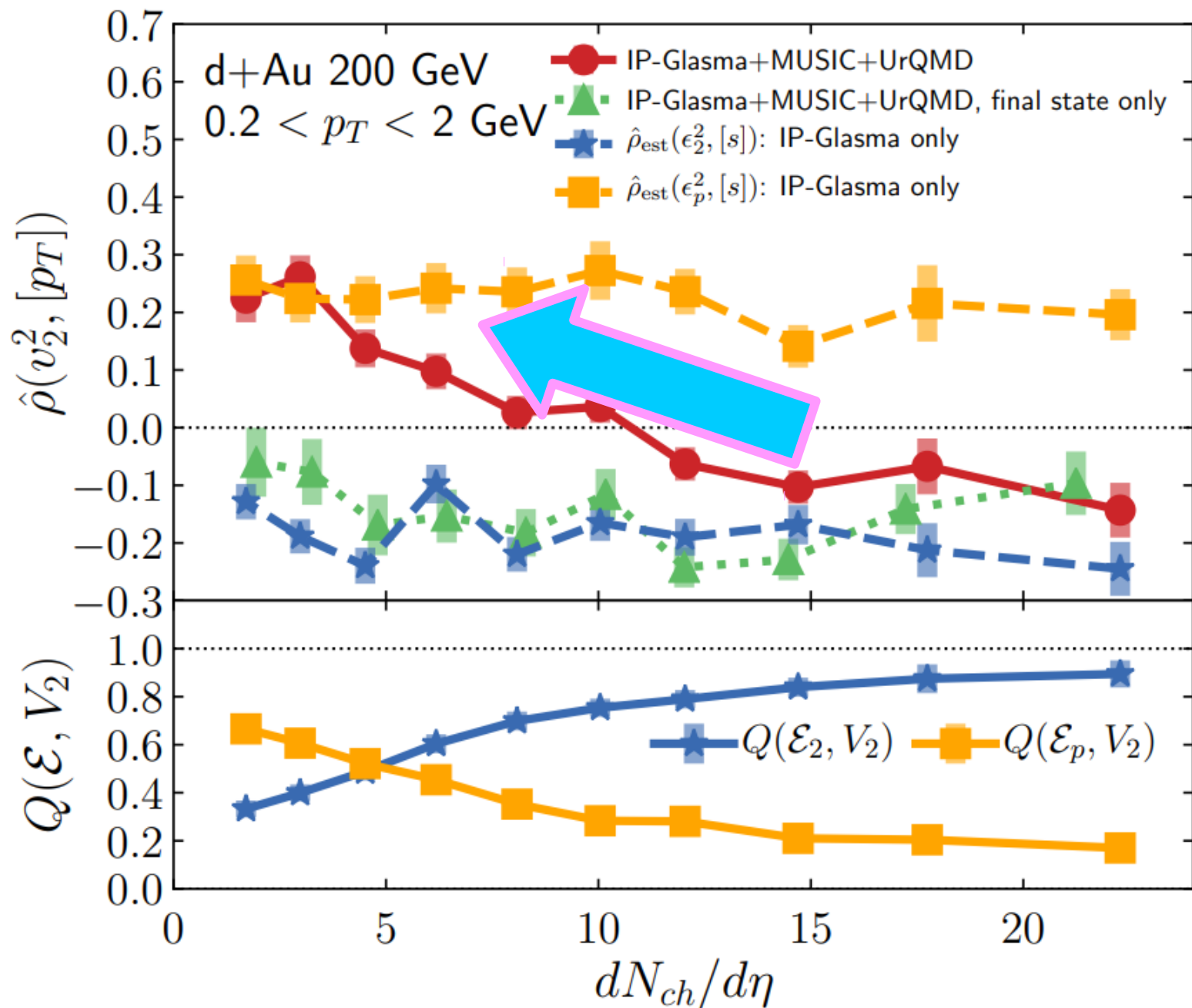


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- d-Au collisions without initial anisotropy.
geometry-based predictor matches full hydro.
- with the initial anisotropy the predictor is positive!!
Sign change of the correlator at low $dN/d\eta$.

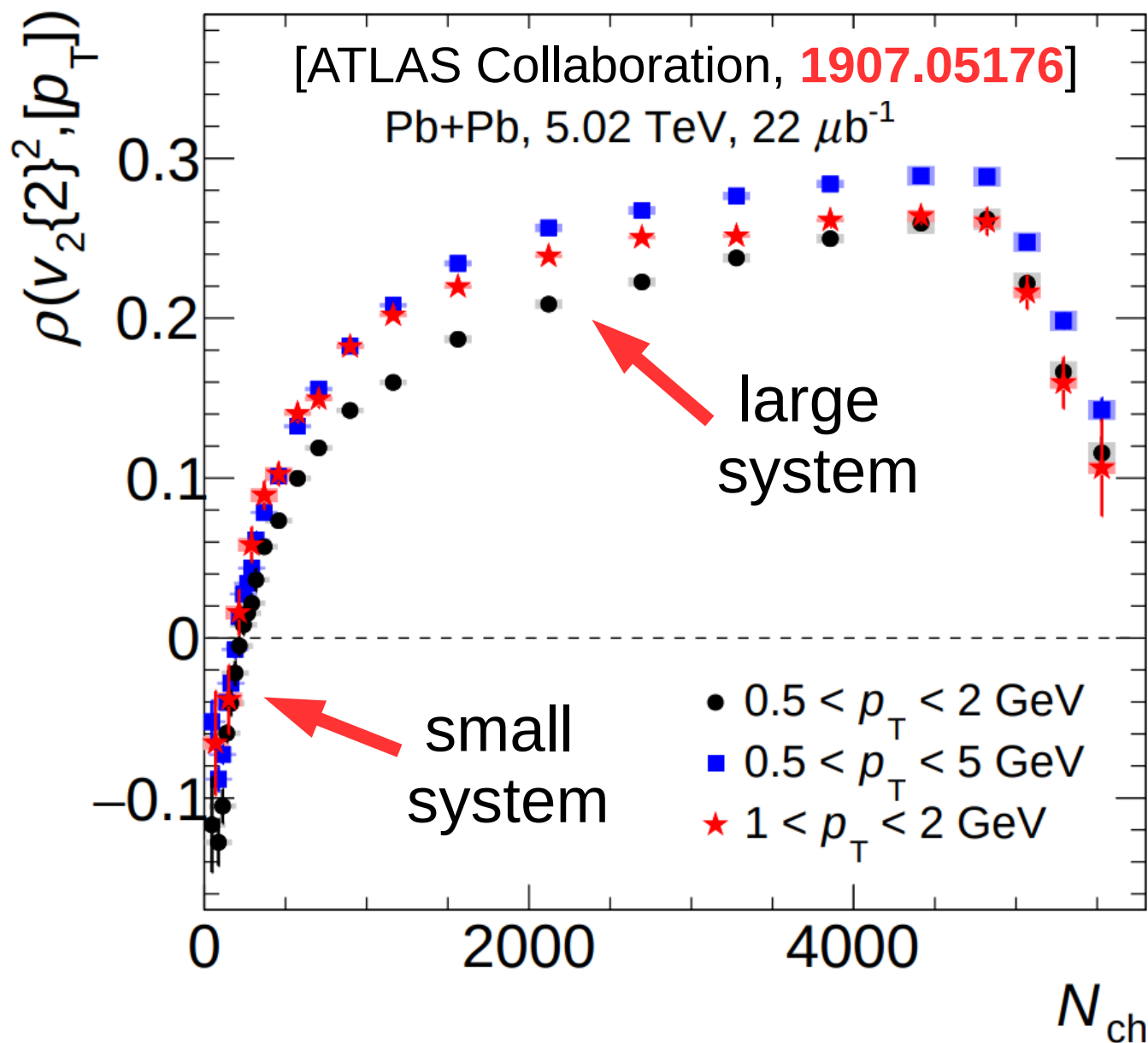


A sign change driven by the primordial momentum anisotropy. Clear prediction!

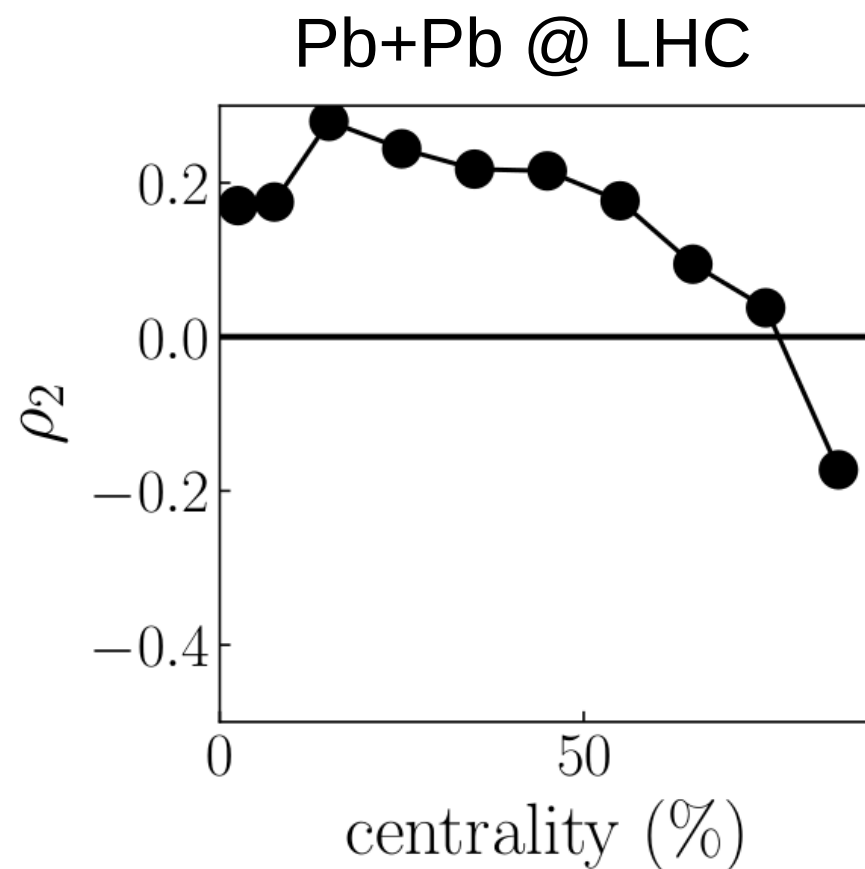
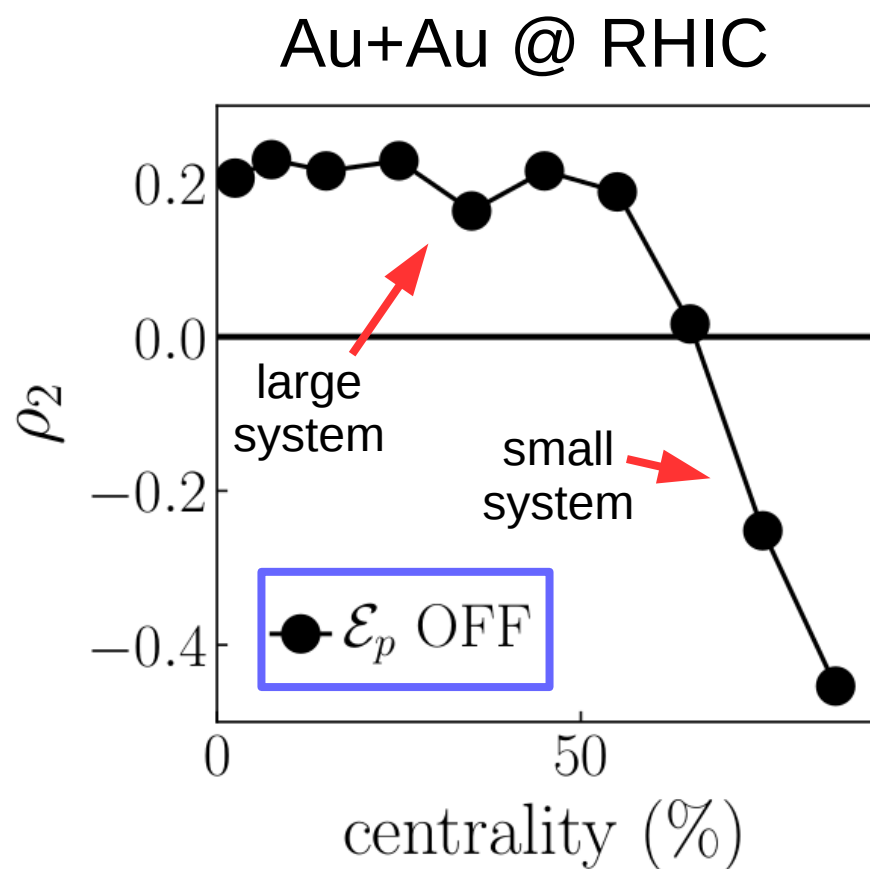


AA collisions

Correlation between v_2 and $\langle p_T \rangle$ measured by ATLAS. We understand the centrality dependence.

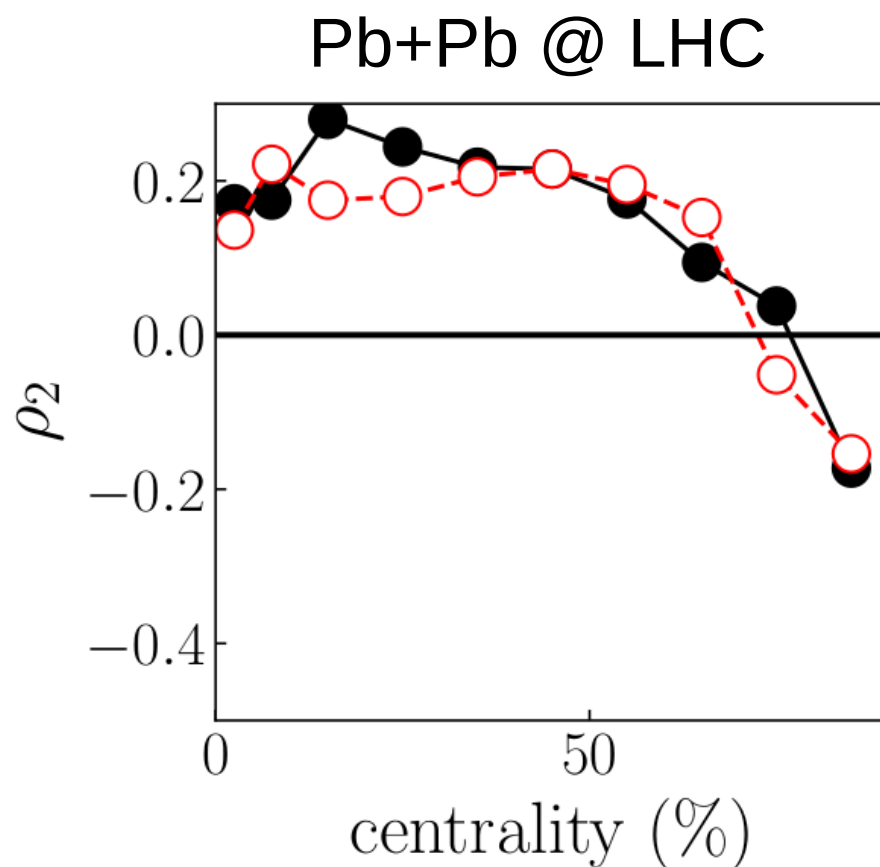
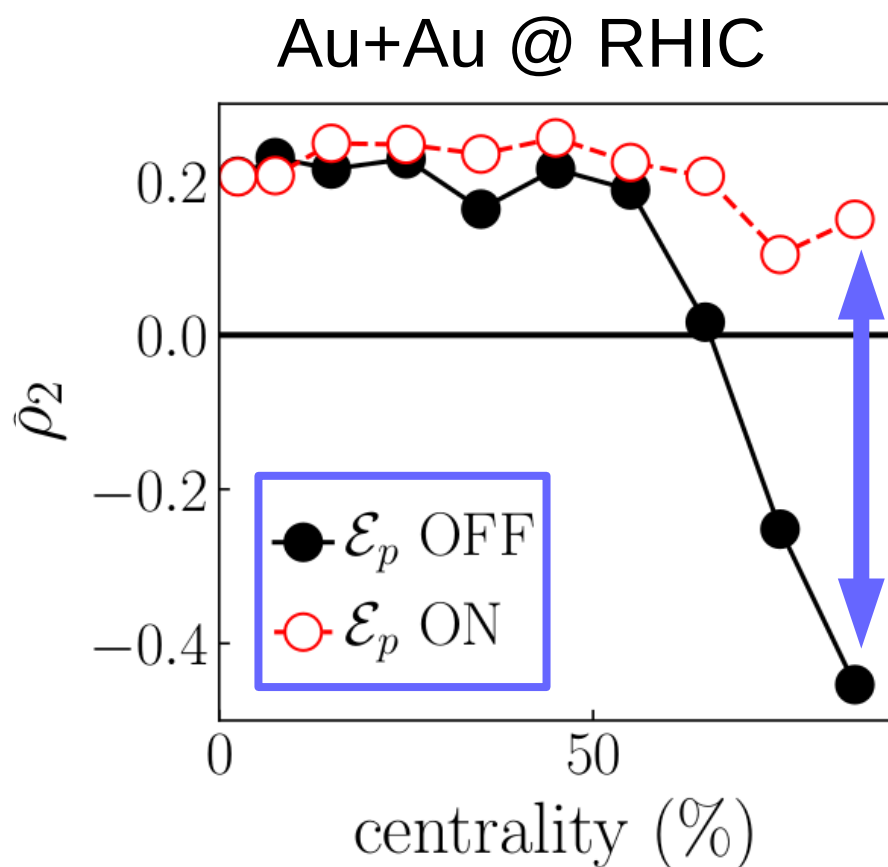


- Same result in IP-GLASMA+MUSIC w/o off-diagonal terms.

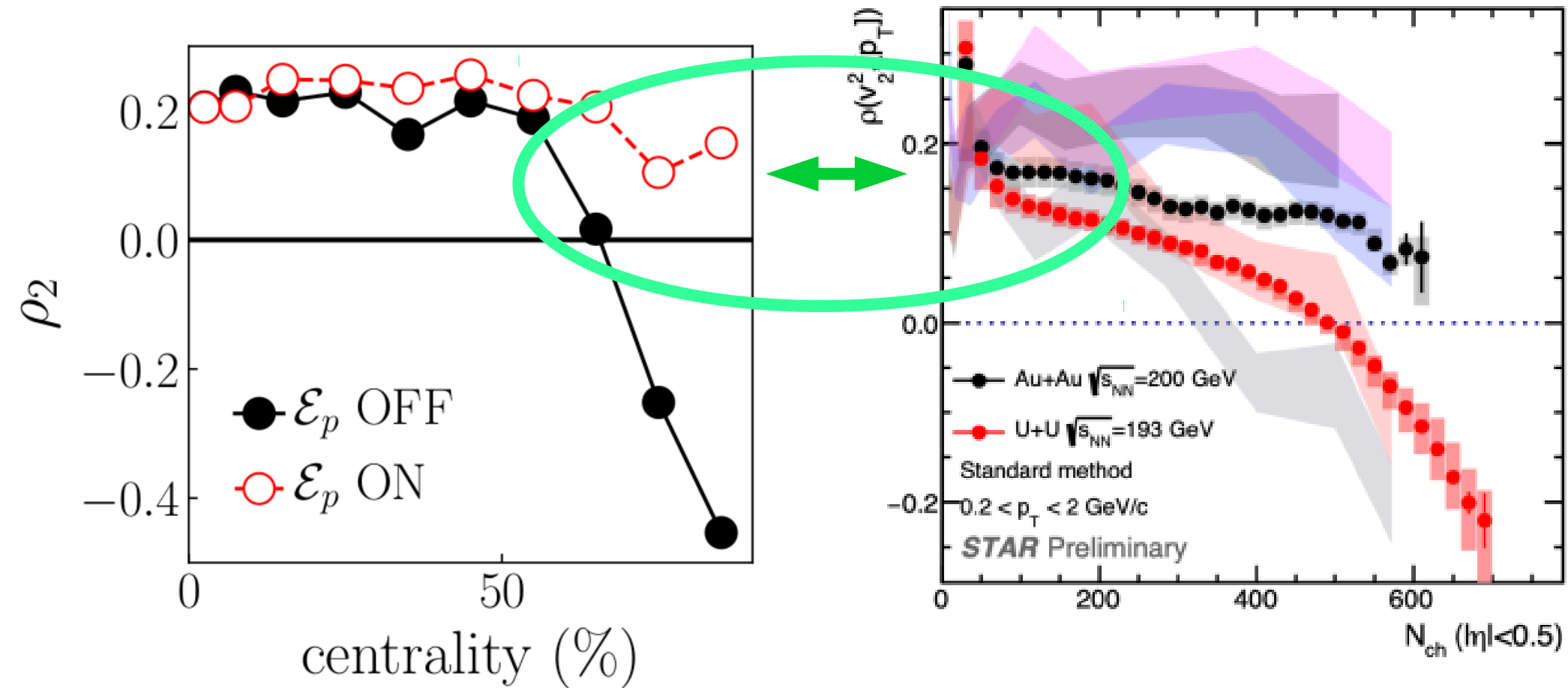


● Same result in IP-GLASMA+MUSIC w/o initial anisotropy.

○ Sizable beam energy dependence w/ initial anisotropy!
Change of sign disappears at RHIC energy. A prediction!



Prediction verified at this workshop!



Poster by Chun-Jian Zhang, STAR Collaboration.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HukR5k023L1K7C0UT20g5QTg6dXXddgu/view?usp=sharing>

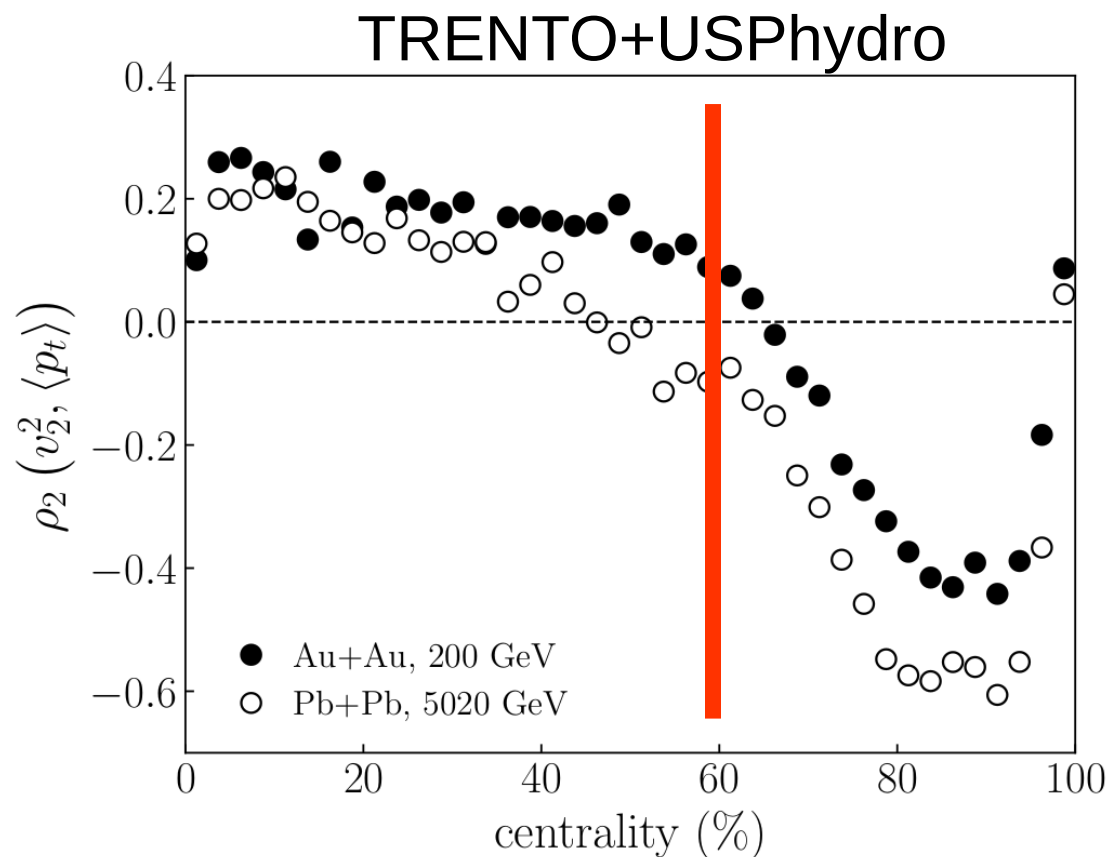
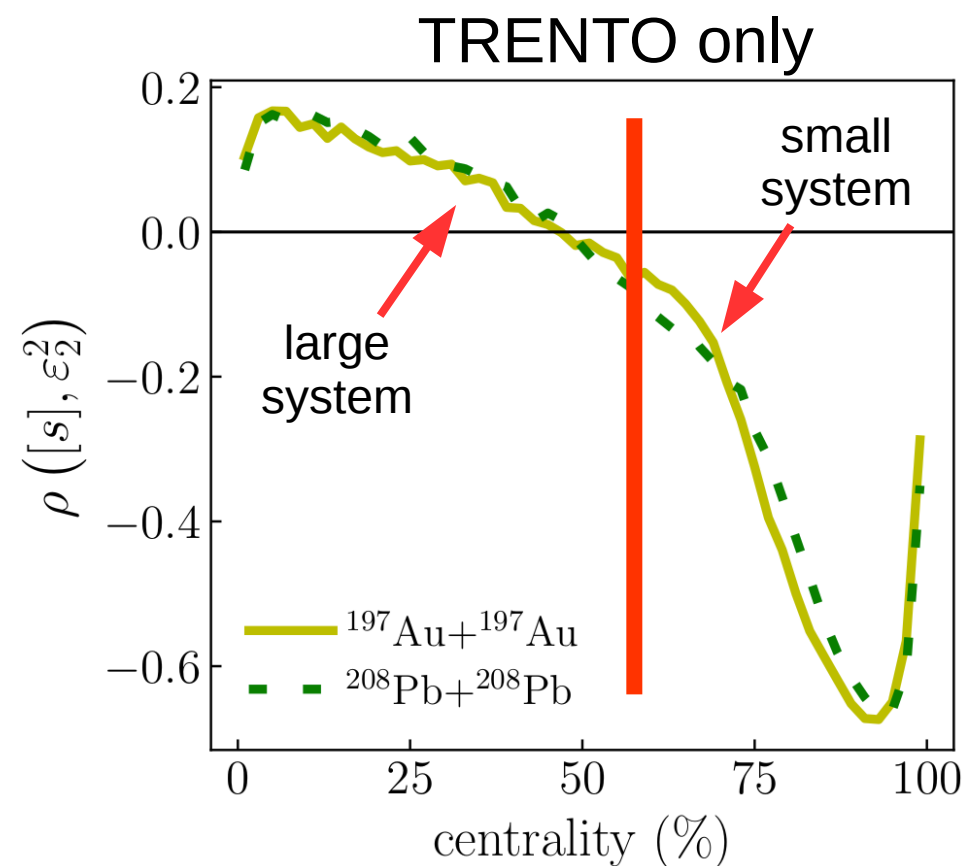
A potential discovery, or nonflow?

CONCLUSIONS

- Primordial momentum anisotropy predicted by the CGC.
- **Qualitative signatures to be searched for in data on v_2 - $\langle p_T \rangle$ correlation.**
- Change of sign *appears* at low multiplicity in pA.
- Change of sign *disappears* in peripheral Au-Au.
- **Robust predictions set the basis for future phenomenology of the CGC anisotropy!**

BACKUP

Clear predictions from hydrodynamics **without** initial momentum anisotropy. **NO** beam energy dependence!



[Alba, Mantovani Sarti, Noronha, Noronha-Hostler, Parotto, Portillo Velazquez, Ratti, [1711.05207](#)]

[Giacalone, Gardim, Noronha-Hostler, Ollitrault, [2004.01765](#)]

